(e) if not, the reasons for these senior doctors not being considered for heading the dispensaries;

(f) whether the same situation prevails in other zones of CGHS, Delhi; and

(g) whether there is any policy under which In-charges are appointed as per their Seniority?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (g) Senior most doctor posted in a dispensary is normally made Chief Medical Officer-in-charge (CMO-in-charge) of the dispensary. However, it is not mandatory for the senior most doctor in the dispensary to accept being made Chief Medical Officer in-charge. Some Medical Officer decided not to become CMO-in-charge on medical grounds. In two dispensaries, each in South Zone and Central Zone, comparatively junior Medical Officers are functioning as CMO-in-charges.

Regulatory authority for medical education

†2096. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring medical education under regulatory authority by closing various bodies associated to medical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government admits that medical education needs to be developed to meet the health requirements; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to develop medical education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) The Ministry has proposed to set up a National Council for Human Resources in Health (NCHRH) as a regulatory body for health sector to reform the current framework and enhance supply of skilled personnel. A Task Force was setup to workout the modalities of setting up the regulatory body to coordinate among various councils.

The Task Force has *inter alia* recommended creation of regulatory body in the field medical and paramedical education to achieve the objective of enhancing the supply of skilled human resources in the health sector by bringing in the required reforms in the regulatory framework. Comments and suggestions have been sought from State Governments and other stakeholders on the recommendations of the Task Force.

(c) and (d) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), the Central Government has decided to set up six AIIMS like institutions in under served-States and also to upgrade 13 existing Government Medical College/Institutions in ten States.

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To facilitate setting up of more medical colleges, the Medical Council of India Regulations have been reviewed and amendments made in the criteria of land requirement, teacher-student ratio, bed-strength and incentives given to doctors serving in the rural areas. There is a scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government medical colleges through Central assistance of Rs. 1350 crore during Eleventh Plan for starting/increasing PG courses. The funds are envisaged to be allocated to the eligible State Government Medical Colleges after the finalization of the scheme.

Spurious Chinese malaria drugs

†2097. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any information that China is manufacturing spurious generic drugs for the treatment of malaria and selling the same by using 'made in India' levels on them;

(b) whether these drugs have been seized by Drugs Regulatory Authority;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to check the recurring of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) Government of India's attention has been drawn to the press release issued by NAFDAC, Nigerian Government Drug Regulatory Authority, about detention and seizure of a large consignment of fake anti-malarial generic pharmaceuticals labelled "Made in India" but produced in China. Taking serious note of the contents of NAFDAC's Press Release, a strong protest was lodged with concerned Chinese authorities with a request to take stringent action against such unscrupulous elements. Consequent to India's strong protest, the Chinese Government conducted an investigation and found a nexus between Chinese drug manufacturers and importers in Nigeria. The principal suspects have been caught and their factories sealed. The Chinese Government is taking action against the accused as per their law.

(d) Indian Missions abroad have been sensitised to be vigilant against such incidences.

Vigilance cases against officials of AYUSH

2098. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vigilance cases are pending since May, 2005 against some of the Directors of the various Councils under the Department of AYUSH;

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